



ANGLO-FRENCH PUSH ADVANCE ON THE SOMME

British Close in on Thiepval as French Surround Denicourt

40,000 GERMANS LOST

Teutons Fight Desperately, but in Vain, to Check Allies

BERLIN, Sept. 18.—German troops have abandoned Berny, Denicourt and positions between Barleux and Vermandovillers to the French, it was officially announced this afternoon.

BERLIN, Sept. 18.—Joined by fresh reinforcements, the Russo-Rumanian armies have taken up positions on a line extending from Rasova through Cobadin to Tuzla, on the Black Sea, after a three days' retreat, it was officially announced this afternoon.

LONDON, Sept. 18.—British troops began closing in upon Thiepval last night after capturing Mouquet farm and took several German trenches south of the village, General Haig reported this afternoon.

West of Mouquet farm, the Germans, retreating desperately the advance of the British pliers, entered a British trench by a heavy counter-attack, but were later driven out.

The Thiepval village position, which has held up the progress of the British left wing since the Somme offensive began, July 1, was made most precarious for the Germans by the loss of the well-fortified Mouquet farm yesterday.

North of Martinpuich, Haig's men improved their positions last night, and east of Courcellette a minor attack on enemy trenches was successful. The Germans bombarded various parts of the British line with great violence last night, as if in preparation for a counter-attack.

GERMAN LOSSES HEAVY Forty thousand Germans have been killed, wounded or captured since the Anglo-French armies resumed the offensive on the Somme with battering blows that bent back the Teuton lines.

The fighting continued north and south of the river with the greatest fury. The Germans were still clinging desperately to the village of Denicourt, under heavy French attack, and making counter-attacks against Berny and Vermandovillers, lost to the French yesterday afternoon.

The Allied successes have had a most profound effect in Berlin, according to The Hague dispatches today. The Germans had been led to believe that the advance on the Somme had been halted by the inability of the British to capture the Fiers-Courcellette line and to break through the German defenses around Thiepval. The German papers are now preparing the public for the evacuation of both Peronne and Comblis, and pointing out that a retirement on a wide scale may become necessary for strategic reasons.

The French shifted their attack south of the Somme yesterday to warn the Germans not to withdraw troops from that sector to reinforce the battered lines north of the river. The assault was completely successful and deepened the wedge in the German line between Peronne and Comblis.

"TANKS" IN ACTION Delayed dispatches from press headquarters are full of the exploits of the new British armored cars or "tanks" that played such an important part in the capture of Martinpuich, Fiers and Courcellette in Friday's attack. One correspondent reported that they are not armored cars at all, but huge land battleships that shed ordinary machine-gun fire like a duck does water, and can only be damaged by a dead hit from a big shell.

The attack swung up to Fiers across a

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THE WEATHER

The general weather movements due: A cool movement is due to develop in Northwest United States September 18, and will be a moderate movement, preceded by showers, which will extend ahead of the movement in all sections as it crosses the country and bring clear and cooler weather, with frost in the northwest.

Another movement due September 23 will be an average movement, with perhaps loss of precipitation in advance than another cool movement, but bringing freezing temperatures in the northwest and frosts in the northern half of the country.

WEATHER FORECAST Read on a sea discovery in solar physics by WILLIE LUTHER MOORE and W. F. CROOKER.

OFFICIAL FORECAST For Philadelphia and vicinity—Fair tonight and Tuesday; cooler tonight, with lowest temperature about 40 or 45 degrees; gentle westerly winds.

LENGTH OF DAY Sun rises... 6:08 a.m. Moon rises... 10:07 p.m. Sun sets... 6:08 p.m. Moon sets... 5:14 a.m.

TRANSLATES NEW NIPPUR TABLET



Prof. S. H. Langdon, professor of Assyriology at Oxford, England, and assistant curator of the University of Pennsylvania Museum, has just completed the translation of a fragment of a new Nippur tablet which deals with the reconstruction of the world following the flood, details of which were related in the original Nippur tablet.

WOMEN LEADERS OF MOBS JAILED IN STRIKE ON CARS

Tenth Day of Struggle in New York Opens With Violence

MEN SEEK CONFERENCE

NEW YORK, Sept. 18.—Rioting of considerable violence marked the early hours of the tenth day of the traction strike.

The conflict in which the four women were arrested occurred at Madison avenue and 101st street. The prisoners were charged with disorderly conduct.

One man was injured and twenty-five other passengers were bruised and shaken up when two open Third avenue surface cars were in a rear-end collision today at 129th street. Both cars, it is alleged, were in charge of inexperienced strike-breaking crews.

Police Inspector Schmittberger today detailed extra policemen in the vicinity of the Labor Lyceum upon representation that trouble was feared there when the striking carmen held meetings.

Bitterness of feeling on both sides is steadily increasing, but the general aspects of the situation improved today, when President T. V. O'Connor, of the Longshoremen's Union, announced that, though he had been authorized to call a sympathetic strike, he would take no action until Thursday.

In the three days intervening it is expected that earnest steps for the restoration of peace will be taken. A conference of Mayor Mitchell and four of the labor leaders, scheduled for today, was regarded as a promising development.

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MAJOR GENERAL MILLS DIES FROM OVERWORK

Chief of Army Division of Militia Affairs Collapses Suddenly With Pneumonia

WASHINGTON, Sept. 18.—Major General Albert L. Mills, chief of the army division of militia affairs, collapsed from the strain he has been under since the calling out of the militia and died of pneumonia here this afternoon.

General Mills became ill at 9 o'clock last night and sank rapidly. Attending physicians said overwork in attending to affairs of the militia was entirely responsible for his illness.

General Mills was only recently promoted to the grade of major general. For two years he was president of the army war college. He was awarded the congressional medal of honor July 28, 1905, "for distinguished gallantry in action near Santiago, Cuba, July 1, 1898, in encouraging those near him by his bravery and coolness after being shot through the head and entirely without sight."

In addition to a wife and daughter General Mills leaves a son, Lieutenant Chester Mills, Ninth United States Cavalry, now stationed in the Philippines.

Motorcyclist Loses a Foot ATLANTIC CITY, Sept. 18.—While Chester Davis, of Pleasantville, was riding a motorcycle on the Meadow Boulevard a motorcycle on the Meadow Boulevard collided with an automobile driven by Charles A. Wilbur, of this city. Davis was thrown to the ground and his machine wrecked. He was brought to the City Hospital, where his left foot was amputated. He was thrown from the car, but escaped with slight bruises. Wilbur is under arrest.

BLACKMAIL GANG STALKED VICTIMS IN CITY'S HOTELS

Twenty-five Philadelphians at Least Paid Big Hush-Money

WOMAN GAVE UP \$35,000

Prominent Persons Gladly Let Syndicate Have Million to Keep Silence

Twenty-five wealthy Philadelphians at least have paid hush-money to members of the "million dollar blackmail syndicate," according to investigators of the Department of Justice, who today are delving deeper into the workings of the organization, hoping to perfect a dragnet which eventually will round-up the whole band.

The "syndicate" is said to have made \$1,000,000 last year preying on wealthy victims in Philadelphia, Atlantic City, New York and Chicago. Philadelphians, however, are said to have been the chief sufferers. It is known that one Philadelphia woman paid \$35,000 when threats were made to expose a "little affair."

WORKED IN HOTELS

While the Government has been on the trail of the gang for many months, and regardless of the fact that the swindling has been effected in the best hotels, almost under the noses of the police, many of the swindlers are known as the craftiest of criminals. Thus they have been able to escape arrest.

A bomb was exploded in the "syndicate" camp in Chicago last Saturday, when after months of investigation Government detectives arrested four men and three women, said to be members of the gang.

Those arrested were Helen Evers, wife of George Irwin, said to be the leader of the gang; Henry Russell, Edward Donahue, alias Doc Donahue; Mrs. Frances Christian, Mrs. Edward Donahue, Jimmy Christian, alias W. J. Cross, and George Bland. They will be arraigned before a United States commissioner in Chicago Tuesday. They probably will be tried in Philadelphia owing to the fact that most of the offenses were committed here. They were arrested just as five wealthy men in Chicago had been "wiped up" ready for the "picking."

Special agents of the Department of Justice were ordered from Washington and New York today to Chicago to aid in completing the identification of the alleged blackmailers under arrest there. A Bruce Bielaski, chief of the investigation Bureau, said that the department was not yet fully informed as to the identity of the persons under arrest, as some of them are operating under assumed names.

He said, however, that he was convinced that the men and women under arrest in Chicago are the leaders of the band which has operated all over the East, especially at summer resorts, and that additional arrests will be made very shortly.

ONE OF THEM "SQUEALED"

Members of the gang can attribute their downfall to the working of that old adage, "When thieves fall out." Frank Crocker, a member of the gang, felt that he had been double-crossed and took his revenge on his erstwhile associates by going to the Government agents with his tale.

"We've got Crocker in the county jail," said Clabaugh today. "Crocker was the man from whom information about the band first came."

Crocker lives at 41 Bickerstaff street, Boston. He was a member of the gang that fled Mrs. Regina Klipper, of Philadelphia, according to Clabaugh.

"Crocker didn't get what he thought was coming to him out of that deal," said the Government investigators. "He followed Irwin and French, two members of the gang previously arrested, to Chicago. He renewed his demands and they laughed at him. Then he 'squealed.' It was after this that Mrs. Klipper was kidnapped."

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25,000 DOPE VICTIMS IN CITY, SAYS CONVERT

George Long, of Inasmuch Mission, Tells of Drug Ravages Here

Social workers throughout the city today are discussing the assertion of George Long, superintendent of Inasmuch Mission, that there are more than 25,000 dope fiends in Philadelphia. Mr. Long made this statement in an address on dope last night at the mission.

Captain William J. Norton, of the Volunteers of America, said today in regard to Mr. Long's statement:

"There certainly must be fully that number of drug addicts in this city, and the number is on the increase. Narcotic drugs are undermining the health and morals of the city. Our Tenebris is manufacturing dope fiends by the hundred every month. The city of it is that the scourge is getting the young girls and boys seventeen years old."

Mr. Long told his audience that Philadelphia was the headquarters of the illicit narcotic drug traffic of the United States. Tons of dope, he asserted, are annually shipped from this city to all sections of the country.

Many in the audience were former drug addicts and they listened with deep interest to the story of Mr. Long's own experience as a dope fiend. Long began using narcotic drugs when he was 18 years old and did not abandon the habit until he had reached his thirty-third year, when he was converted in the Galilee Mission.

"I took my first smoke of opium," he said, "when I was fifteen years old. Opium fiends are moving toward the score from the Middle West."

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QUICK NEWS

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NATIONAL LEAGUE

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TODAY'S RACING RESULTS

First Havre de Grace race, 3-year-olds and up, 6 furlongs—Falanquin, 110, Trokier, \$3.70, \$2.40, \$2.50, won; Plumose, 107, Keogh, \$2.50, \$2.60, second; Far Away, 110, Bulingame, \$9.00, third. Time, 1:13 4-5.

YEAR'S SENTENCE FOR MOTORIST WHO KILLED MAN

HARRISBURG, Sept. 18.—Clarence L. Bates, who ran down and killed George Donahue, of Lebanon, while driving an automobile at high speed between Harrisburg and Lebanon two weeks ago, pleaded guilty of involuntary manslaughter in the Dauphin County court today and was sentenced to one year in the penitentiary by Judge Kuknel. "Let this be notification," said the judge in passing sentence, "that the Dauphin County court proposes to raise the standard of the sanctity of human life, within its jurisdiction."

DOPE QUARANTINE CAUSES "ARSENAL" TO CLOSE

Poor business since a quarantine was clamped on the Arsenal is the cause given by "Jake" Baumgardner for closing up the place, notorious nesting place for dope fiends, at Tenth and Winter streets. The closing up last night was preparatory to an auction to be held tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock. The place grew so unsavory that policemen were continuously stationed at the doors a week ago last Thursday.

NEW YORK CENTRAL ORDERS 230 LOCOMOTIVES

NEW YORK, Sept. 18.—The New York Central Railroad has placed an order for 230 engines, of which one-half were placed with the American Locomotive Company and the remainder with the Lima Locomotive Corporation. Most of these engines are of large size and the total of the order is around \$10,000,000. Locomotives are for delivery late next year.

STOCK MARKET CONTINUES STRONG AND ACTIVE

NEW YORK, Sept. 18.—There was a continuation of strength in the stock market with the opening of the Stock Exchange this morning. Commission houses had an accumulation of buying orders and the exception of these caused general advances at the start. United States Steel common again made another new top mark, selling at 10 1/2, a gain of 1/4, as compared with the close of Saturday. Railroad stocks were in good demand.

PREMIER ASQUITH'S SON KILLED IN ACTION

LONDON, Sept. 18.—Lieutenant Raymond Asquith, son of the British Premier, has been killed at the front in action, it was announced today. He was in the Grenadier Guards. He was 28 years old.

GUARDS ON BORDER TO RETURN AS NEW ONES ARRIVE

WASHINGTON, Sept. 18.—The War Department today ordered General Funston to return as many guardsmen to their homes from the border as he receives in the new contingents now on the way there, or under orders to go. Approximately 7000 men will be released by the order. The Second New York Infantry will be among the first to return.

POLICE SUBDUED ANGRY DEPOSITORS IN RUN ON BANK

CHICAGO, Sept. 18.—Police, with riot clubs, fought an angry and panicky crowd of depositors in the bank of Schiff & Co. today. Alarmed by the numerous failures of private banks in Chicago in the last month, the depositors started a run on the bank soon after it opened its doors today. The crowd stretched a block on either side of the bank. In it were many women, who became hysterical. Bank officials said it was solvent and all depositors would be paid.

ADMIT BREMEN IS HEADED FOR NEW LONDON

NEW LONDON, Conn., Sept. 18.—Representatives of the Eastern Forwarding Company, American agents for the German mercantile submarines, admitted for the first time that the Bremen would put in here if it succeeded in crossing the Atlantic, but said the vessel was not due for several days. They were not surprised when the tug T. A. Scott, Jr., returned today after a search of fourteen hours without finding the submarine.

FOOD RIOTS IN VIENNA

LONDON, Sept. 18.—Food disorders have broken out in Vienna, said a Geneva dispatch to the Exchange Telegraph today. Beef is selling at \$4 a pound and rice at \$2 a pound. There is terrible distress among families of working men, the dispatch added.

U. S. ARMY BOMB MAKER AT WORK HERE

Lester P. Barlow, inventor of a aerial bomb which is believed by United States Army experts to be the most effective of weapons for use in war aeroplanes, is occupying temporary offices in the Pennsylvania Building, Fifteenth and Chestnut streets, where he is superintending the construction of his device. The destructive radius of the bomb is 1500 feet, and there is nothing electrical about it, Mr. Barlow says. Instead of regulating its timing to the second, the second is split into 400 parts.

COOLER WEATHER TO AID HAY FEVER VICTIMS

The approach of cooler weather and the prospect of a hard frost will furnish relief to victims of hay fever, according to a statement of the United States Weather Bureau in Washington. This opinion is also shared by Doctor Krusen, Director of the Department of Public Health and Charities.

PENNSYLVANIA GUARDSMEN LOST IN DESERT

CAMP STEWART, El Paso, Tex., Sept. 18.—Keen apprehension is manifested here today for the safety of forty-five men and their officers of Company M, Tenth Pennsylvania Regiment, as the result of reports that they are marooned on the desert in the Big Bend country with a meager store of supplies.

REVENUE "LEAKS" TO EXTENT OF \$21,000,000 STOPPED

WASHINGTON, Sept. 18.—Through the discovery of frauds, evasions and errors, the Internal Revenue Bureau has recovered in the last three years more than enough money to pay the expenses of the internal revenue service, says a statement made by the Treasury Department. Approximately \$21,000,000 was collected in the three years, and the expenses of the bureau in that period were \$12,800,000.

REBEL STONEMEN INVITE CLERGY TO NEW FELLOWSHIP

Old Order Tried to Elect Porter Mayor, Is Charge

ADDRESS TO MINISTERS



IN STONEMEN'S SPLIT

Above is the Rev. H. C. Stone, founder of the Stonemen's Club, against whom a revolt has been started by a seceding organization known as the United Protestant Fellowship, which is headed by Harry T. Baxter, whose portrait appears below.

An invitation was extended today to the clergymen of the Presbyterian and Methodist churches to join the United Protestant Fellowship, composed of hundreds of men who seceded from the Stonemen's Fellowship on Saturday and immediately formed the new organization.

This and the charge that the Stonemen were urged to vote for Director Porter in the mayoralty election were the big developments today in the controversy between the Stonemen and the seceders.

Co-operation of clergymen in the new body was urged by Harry T. Baxter, 1923 South Seventeenth street, head of the new fellowship, who invited the ministers to join. He appeared before the meetings of the Presbyterian ministers, at Witherspoon Building, and also before the Methodist ministers, at Wesley Hall, Seventeenth and Arch streets.

In addressing the clergymen, Mr. Baxter said he wanted them to take an active part in the new organization. He assured them there would be no "third degree" initiation or laying on of hands, which was the chief cause of the revolt, in the Stonemen's organization.

NO ONE-MAN RULE

Baxter also said there would be no one-man rule and that every member of the new body would have an opportunity to participate in the actions of the body.

The charge that the Stonemen were urged to support Porter was made by William F. Deakney, a real estate dealer with office in the Bellevue-Stratford. He said:

"On registration day before the mayoralty election, Doctor Stone got up in a meeting of Stonemen in Convention Hall and urged them to register. After he had concluded his address some of his lieutenants went through the audience and told the men to vote for the candidate of the Franklin Party ticket. Everybody understood that the Stonemen were out to elect Porter."

"When I was first appointed chairman of the organization's building commission, Dr. Stone told me he wanted an auditorium to seat 50,000. I saw the scheme was impracticable, especially the scheme of buying certificates at \$5. So I withdrew. Then I was made chairman of the finance committee."

"I asked Dr. Stone to put the organization on a business basis, and then William Krips was made treasurer. All bills were supposed to come to the finance committee and then sent to the treasurer for payment."

SAW NO ACCOUNTING

"I never saw a single bill while I was chairman and never had opportunity to learn the finances of the fellowship."

"When George Wharton Papper was treasurer, he never rendered any accounting. No accounting was rendered for the trips to Pittsburgh and Scranton."

"We had an agreement to rent the Metropolitan Opera House, for \$1000 a month. We used the house every second Sunday night and collected \$10 for rent. One night the manager told us we were \$100 in arrears. Krips said we were only \$1000 behind. He made charges at a meeting of the members of the organization that Krips had collected."